

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Blubaugh Store Inventory Number: AL-VI-B-057
Address: 16711 Loartown Road City: Frostburg Zip Code: 21532
County: Allegany USGS Topographic Map: Lonaconing
Owner: Glenn J. Loar Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 18 Tax Map Number: 36 Tax Account ID Number: 17-002716
Project: _____ Agency: _____
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: AL-VI-B-261

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: Loartown Survey District

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☒ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Description

The Blubaugh Store is a two-story, wood-frame building that adopts a rectangular footprint. The Blubaugh Store faces west directly onto Loartown Road in the community of Loartown. As of 2008, the building currently is vacant and is undergoing renovation. The shed roof of the building is being replaced with a side-gable roof. The cornice has been removed. The porch along the west elevation is being rebuilt on a concrete-block foundation. The turned porch columns along this elevation have been removed. The wood porch railing depicted in the 1976 photographs has been removed.

History and Significance


The Blubaugh Store was constructed ca. 1900 by Jacob Loar and appears on the 1908 USGS Frostburg quadrangle map. In 1928, Jacob Loar sold the store to Jacob Blubaugh. The store operated as a general store, where the following supplies could be purchased: canned goods, some animal feeds, tobacco, flour, sugar, kerosene, peanut butter, yeast, butter, cheese, and some meats (Scott 1991:99). In the 1930 census, Jacob Blubaugh was listed as a merchant retailing groceries (U.S. Census 1930). A

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____



Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

1/5/2009

Date

Date

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later deed indicated that the building also was Blubaugh's residence. Blubaugh owned the property between 1928 and 1958, when the property was sold to Glenn J. Loar. The property was converted into apartments; it currently is vacant.

The Bluebaugh Store was identified in Ware (1991:74) as a typical example of a rural or village store. Since its documentation in 1976, however, the Bluebaugh Store has been substantially altered. These alterations have compromised the building's integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The individual building no longer possesses sufficient integrity to embody the distinctive design of rural commercial architecture applying National Register Criterion C or to illustrate its role in the community as one of two general stores. The building has no known association with persons significant in the past history of Allegany County or Maryland applying National Register Criterion B.

Deeds

10 September 1984

545/126

Glenn J. and Shirley M. Loar TO Glenn J. Loar Jr.

--Two parcels recorded in 305/119 and 305/128

--FIRST: 43 perches of land, except the 11 foot-wide public right of way to the present road, the right of way for the maintenance and reconstruction of the sewer line, an easement in perpetuity for constructing, reconstructing, and maintaining a drain field for a septic tank that might be necessary for use of dwelling on property that was owned by Stanley H. Hitchins and was reserved in 305/119

--SECOND: Land measuring 3 perches by 271 feet (This is the store)

14 November 1958

305/128

Jacob A. and Hannah M. Bluebaugh, John J. Sleeman, John Paul and Mary Sleeman, Willis C. Scott, J. Irvin and Susan Scott, Eleanor Scott Wade and Charles Wade, John F. and Delores Fatkin, Anna Fatkin Hitchins and Stanley H. Hitchins, Kenneth O. and Marie Fatkin, Shirley A. and Harold Hoadley, John F. and Rose Bluebaugh, Dolores Bluebaugh, Virgil Bluebaugh, Betty Bluebaugh Sweitzer and Herbert Sweitzer TO Glenn J. and Shirley M. Loar

--Land measuring 3 perches by 271 feet (Store)

--Same land conveyed by Jacob Loar et ux TO Jacob L. Blubaugh on 22 November 1928 in 159/613

--In May 1941, Jacob L. Blubaugh died intestate and a widower and left parties of the first part as heirs – this deed provides family tree

22 November 1928

159/613

Jacob and Edith Loar TO Jacob T. Blubaugh

--Conveys 3 perches by 271 feet (Store)

--No further deed reference

References

Allegany County

Var. Deeds. Available online at <http://www.mdlandrec.net>.

Scott, Harold L., Sr.

1991 *Glorious Old Pompey Smash*. Self-published, Cumberland, Maryland.

U.S. Census

1930 Viewed on 9/2008 at Ancestry.com.

U.S. Geological Survey

1908 15-minute Frostburg quadrangle map.

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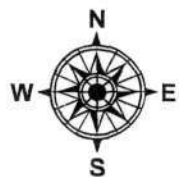
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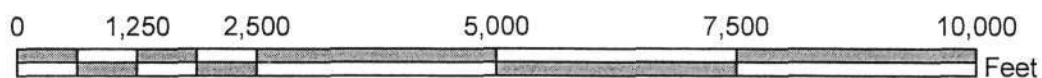
Ware, Donna, with contributions by Orlando Ridout V, Geoffrey B. Henry, and Mark R. Edwards
1991 *Green Glades and Sooty Gob Piles*. Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.

Prepared by: Katherine Grandine, Senior
Historian, RCGA, Inc.

Date Prepared: September 2008



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Blubaugh Store
Loartown
USGS 7.5 minute Lonaconing Quadrangle map
1:24:000 scale

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. AL-VI-B-057

Blubaugh Store, Allegany County
Continuation Sheet

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The following information is the same for each photograph:

1. MIHP # AL-VI-B-057
2. Blubaugh Store
3. Allegany County, Maryland
4. R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
5. September 2008
6. MD SHPO
7. Photo paper and ink: HP Vivera ink 97 Tri-Color cartridge, 101 Blue Photo cartridge, and 102 Gray Photo cartridge on HP Premium Photo Paper (high gloss)
8. Verbatim Ultralife Gold Archival Grade CD-R, PhthaloCyanine Dye

Photo #

AL-VI-B-057_2008-09-17_01.tif - 16711 Loartown Road, looking south
AL-VI-B-057_2008-09-17_02.tif - 16711 Loartown Road, looking northeast
AL-VI-B-057_2008-09-17_03.tif - 16711 Loartown Road, looking northwest



MIHP Number: AL-VI-B-057

Blubaugh Store
Allegany County, MD
Benjamin M. Riggle
09-17-2008

MD SMPD-AL-VI-B-057-2008-09-17-01

View facing South

Photo # 1 of 3



MIHP Number: AL-VI-B-057

Blubaugh Store

Allegany County, MD

Benjamin M. Riggle

09-17-2008

MD SHPO-AL-VI-B-057_2008-09-17-02

view looking northeast

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Blubaugh Store

Allegheny County, MD

Benjamin M. Riggle

09-17-2008

MD SHPO AL-VI-B-057_2008-09-17-03

View looking northwest

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BLUBAUGH STORE

AL-VI-B-057

Loartown Road, Loartown
1900

The Blubaugh Store was constructed in 1900 by Jacob Loar. The store is a large, rectangular frame building that served as one of two commercial structures in Loartown, Allegany County. Both stores provided food and dried goods for the residents of this mining community.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Blubaugh Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Loartown Road

CITY, TOWN

Loartown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Glenn Loar

Telephone #: 689-3951

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

— EXCELLENT

— GOOD

☒ FAIR

— DETERIORATED

— RUINS

— UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED

— ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

— MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Blubaugh Store is located on the east side of Loartown Road in Loartown, Allegany County.

Blubaugh Store is a two story, four bay wide, rectangular frame block. Originally the store was covered in weatherboard; however, more recently it has been covered with asbestos siding. The entire building rests on a high stone foundation. The roof is a flat shed roof with a soffit that has been covered with asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure are double hung wooden sash frames with two over two lights. Those on the first floor are topped by cornices. The first floor on the south side is interrupted by an oriel window with cornices. Entrances in the store are original and consist of vertically paneled doors with cornices. They are covered by a two sided, hipped roof, wrap around porch that is supported by brackets, chamfered columns and a banister. A two bay end porch is located at the rear of the building. Also at the rear of the building is a replaced, outside end, cement block chimney.

The Blubaugh Store, which is presently being used for apartments, is in fair condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Jacob Loar

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Blubaugh Store was constructed in 1900 by Jacob Loar. The store, a large rectangular structure, was one of two commercial structures in Loartown, Allegany County. Both stores provided food and dried goods for the residents of this mining Community.

The Blubaugh store remains in fair condition and is presently used as an apartment building.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 271' x 50'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Surveyors

DATE

1/4/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Old Blubaugh Store
AL-VI-B-057

Allegany County Deed; Liber 305, Folio 128
grantee: Glenn J. Loar & Shirley Loar
grantor: Jacob A. Blubaugh, et. ux.
November 14, 1958

Allegany County Deed; Liber 159, Folio 613
grantee: Jacob I. Blubaugh
grantor: Jacob Loar, et. ux.
November 22, 1928
Consideration: \$25.00

Jacob Loar built C.A. 1900

INVENTORY NO. A1-VI-B-057

DATE: 12/15/76

305/128

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

Lot. 271' x 50'

NAME OF PROPERTY: Bluebaugh Store

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Leartown Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: Glenn Lear 689-3951

ADDRESS: Rt 1 Box
Frostburg, MD 21532

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4(☒) 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear 1 story Shed Roof Add

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- Asbestos Siding
- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
(☒) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(☒) 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() Cornices
One Window pegged() nailed(☒) wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: West 2

HARDWARE: original() replaced(☒)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Cornices
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Bared
original(☒) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,
Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable()

Wrap Around - 2 Center Sains

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() Cement Block STONE() COREELED() original() replaced(☒)

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end(☒) Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Appt.
Significance - Arch Comm.
Date Constructed - 1900's
Condition - Fair

LONACONING QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 FROSTBURG 15 QUADRANGLE

5-83 11-NE
(CUMBERLAND)

55 679

270 000 FEET (MD.)

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52°30'
39°37'30"

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AI-VI-B-059

AI-VI-B-053

AI-VI-B-058

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AI-VI-B-031

AI-VI-B-030

AI-VI-B-063

AI-VI-B-060

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Blubaugh Store

Loartown Rd., Loartown

U.S. G.S. - Lonaconing Quad

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1974 Revised

Dans Rock

1400 2895

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